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## House of Representatives

The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. ADERHOLT).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
September 15, 2003.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ROBERT B. ADERHOLT to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:  
Lord of the living and guardian of the Nation, we commend to Your loving attention the Members of the House of Representatives and all those who serve in government.

Give to all the freedom to embrace the tasks You set before them today. May their standard of work ethic be a model for all citizens.

Grant safety and health to all in their family, their colleagues, and all those they love.

By working together, may the Nation be strengthened and world peace be realized.

In Your Divine Providence we trust, now and forever. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
Washington, DC, September 12, 2003.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
*Speaker, House of Representatives,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on September 12, 2003 at 12:06 p.m.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 978.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAH, L,  
*Clerk of the House.*

### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 108-5

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. NEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Committee Rule (4)a of the Committee on House Administration rules, I submit for the RECORD Committee Resolution 108-5. This resolution regarding unsolicited mass communication contained in the Members' Congressional Handbook was adopted on September 5, 2003. This language amended the handbook and I have attached the new policy language for submission.

### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 108-5, AMENDMENT TO REGULATION OF UNSOLICITED MASS COMMUNICATIONS

*Resolved*, that the Committee on House Administration Regulations of Unsolicited Mass Communications as contained in the Members' Congressional Handbook are amended by the language attached hereto and incorporated herein.

#### ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

Ordinary and necessary expenses related to electronic communications (Internet, fax machines, etc.) are reimbursable. All official electronic communication content must comply with the Franking Regulations.

#### SUBSCRIBED E-MAIL UPDATES

A subscribed e-mail update is an e-mail sent to constituents who have individually subscribed to an e-mail list. Members must notify constituents who subscribe to e-mail updates that the constituent is authorizing the Member to send regular e-mail updates from the Member's office to the person's e-mail account. All e-mail updates to subscribers must contain an option that enables the constituent to unsubscribe from the e-mail list. Members may send subscribed e-mail updates without obtaining an advisory opinion.

#### NON-SUBSCRIBED E-MAIL UPDATES

If each e-mail address used in mass communication was not obtained with consent for subscribed e-mail updates, then the Member must receive a Franking Advisory prior to the distribution of the mass communication.

Please see Unsolicited Mass Communications Restrictions.

#### UNSOLICITED MASS COMMUNICATION RESTRICTIONS

Unsolicited mass communication is defined consistent with Franking Regulations as any unsolicited communication of substantially identical content to 500 or more persons in a session of Congress.

Except where noted, unsolicited mass communications, regardless of the means of transmittal, must receive an Advisory Opinion from the Franking Commission prior to dissemination. Advisory Opinions may be obtained from the Franking Commission at x59337.

Expenditures from the MRA for unsolicited mass communications, regardless of the means of transmittal, are prohibited if such

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